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In re Patent Application of:  
Roger J. Watling *et al.*

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For: MULTI-ELEMENT SCREENING OF TRACE  
ELEMENTS

Examiner: B. T. Kilpatrick

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This responds to the non-final *Office Action* ("the Action") dated February 27, 2009, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on May 27, 2009. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time, i.e., up to, and including Monday, June 29, 2009, accompanies this submission. Applicants respectfully request the Office to consider the following claims and remarks.

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